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COMMUNISTS PUSH PRODUCTION
OF COAL, IRON, TIN MINES

EXTINGUISH FIRE IN TA-T'UNG COAL MINE -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 21 Mar 50

Peiping -- The fire in the T'ung-chia-liang coal mine operated by the Ta-t'ung--Shansi Mining Bureau, which broke out in March 1948, was brought under control at the end of February 1950. The fire had burned out the supporting columns in a considerable area on D level near shaft No 2, and created a condition which exercised a decisive influence on the possibility of working the coal on E level.

In November 1949, an organized force of 84 men undertook to extinguish the fire. After 3 months of arduous and dangerous work, this has now been accomplished without casualties, and the men have been given honorable recognition and material rewards for their brave and successful efforts. By this action, the safety of mining 30 million tons of coal on the E level is assured.

YUN-NAN TIN MINE 7 PERCENT ABOVE GOAL -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 27 May 50

K'un-ming, 17 May (Hsin-hua) -- The Yun-nan Tin Mining Company at Ko-chiu in Yunnan Province, owned jointly by private and state interests, exceeded its production goal for April 1950. The refining section exceeded its quota by 75 percent, and the total output was 150 percent more than that of March. Output of tin ore which contained 60 to 70 percent tin was 7 percent over the planned output for April, or 11 percent more than the March output.

The Yun-nan Tin Mining Company was established in 1940 with the KMT government owning 90 percent of the stock.

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OPERATION OF IRON MINE TO START IN JUNE -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 21 Mar 50

Peiping -- According to a report in the 12 March 1950 issue of the Chahar Daily, the restoration of the P'ang-chia-pao iron mine of the Lung-yen Mining Company near Hsuan-hua is being rushed to completion so that operations may be resumed in June 1950 at the rate of 80,000 tons a year. Underground passages are 85 percent cleared and rewired; 21 pumps have been reconditioned and put into service, as have two 300-horsepower ore hoists and 43 ventilating fans. Other features of the installation are expected to present no insuperable obstacles to restoration by the end of May 1950 with the exception of the aerial ore conveyor system, which is not to be restored at this time.

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